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## **Application Addendum:**

### **Physician Waivers Practicing in Non-Designated Shortage Areas**

The Department will begin accepting applications for physicians practicing in non-designated shortage on April 1 of each program year. For waiver approval, the health care facility must:

- ☐ **Provide care to patients who reside in designated shortage areas.**
  - (1) Describe the facility's service area.
  - (2) Provide a patient visit report that identifies total patient visits in last six months of service by patient origin zip code.
  
- ☐ **Describe who will benefit from the physician's services.**
  - (1) Identify the percentage of Medicaid and Medicare patients who will have access to this physician.
  - (2) Describe how the facility will assure access to this physician for low-income or uninsured patients.
  - (3) Explain if the physician has language skills that will benefit patients at this facility.
  
- ☐ **Provide a detailed report of the extensive recruitment efforts made to recruit a U.S. physician for the specific position that the J-1 physician will fill.**
  - (1) Explain why this physician is necessary at this location.
  - (2) Explain why it is difficult to recruit a U.S. physician for this location.
  - (3) Provide the number of physicians interviewed for this position.
  - (4) Provide the number of physicians offered this position.

**NOTE: Public Law 108-441 allows each state to sponsor up to five waivers each program year for physicians who will practice medicine in a health care facility that is not located in a designated health professional shortage area but serves patients who reside in designated shortage areas.**